

## A REAL ESTATE STIR IN LOWER MANOA VALLEY

**The Cooper Property to Be Syndicated and Home Building to Be Encouraged There by Liberal Loans.**

The valuable tract of land owned by Henry E. Cooper in the Manoa valley, adjoining College Hills, is to be syndicated and opened up to home-builders at once.

Yesterday a meeting of those interested was held at the office of the Henry Waterhouse Trust Co., and while details were not quite perfected, the project is far enough advanced to be called a sure thing.

There are fifty building lots in the tract, nearly all of them commanding a fine view, some both of sea and mountains. The only structures on the land now are the stone mansion of Mr. Cooper and a cottage near by which Contractor Campbell is putting up. Two lots have just been sold on the golf field portion near the Manoa road which will at once be built upon.

The new syndicate for settling the property is composed of H. E. Cooper, the Henry Waterhouse Trust Co., and Lewers & Cooke, Mr. Cooper furnishing the land, Henry Waterhouse Trust Co. financing the proposition and Lewers & Cooke supplying the lumber.

The plan of the syndicate, in short, is to finance those who would own their own homes in preference to paying rent and to enable these to build in a desirable locality a house according to their own plans and ideas. A down payment, according to the amount involved in the building, will be required and the remaining balance will be collected in monthly instalments, thus enabling persons of small means to become house-owners.

This plan has worked with success to all concerned in many parts of America and should be equally successful in Honolulu. Already several applications for building sites and loans have been received and are being considered.

In an interview last night Mr. Cooper said that the same restrictions imposed by College Hills to exclude shacks, saloons and an undesirable class of residents, would be applied on the new tract.

There are now on College Hills, Manoa Heights and adjacent properties over fifty families, living in good houses. The locality is popular with all who live there, cool, healthful and not especially rainy. Most of the rain falls in the upper part of the valley and the people further down get just enough to keep their lawns green and their trees growing.

## OAHU POWER PLANT DATA GIFT TO A MANAGER

**Enterprise Is Spoken of Among the Engineers. Kahuku Japanese Give Andrew Adams a Watch.**

The semi-annual election of officers of the Honolulu Engineering Association was held last night at Hialele Lawn, with the following result:

Chairman, Edward C. Brown; vice chairman, C. G. Ballentyne; treasurer, T. A. Petrie; secretary, E. G. Keen; directors, Charles Musgrave, W. E. Wall, Wm. Weinrich.

T. Clive, Davies and L. E. Pinkham were admitted to membership.

The association, upon motion of Mr. Ballentyne, changed the meeting night from the third Monday to the second Thursday of each month.

Edward Cannon of Portland, Oregon, addressed the association on the subject of Electrical Power and Development for the Hawaiian Islands. The subject related to the future possibilities of electrical power bearing upon the commercial and industrial side of life. From his twenty years' experience in the electrical and hydraulic fields, Mr. Cannon has found that there is no subject that so readily appeals to the enterprise of a wide-awake community as electrical power development. He thought that there was a fine field for the Engineering Association by loaning to the local commercial enterprises its strong arm in establishing in the near future a number of electrical power plants, one on each of the islands, adequate for furnishing the required power for operating the sugar mills, pumping stations, etc.

Mr. Cannon paid tribute to the excellence of the power plants operating the street railway and street lighting services, but he believed that with a fixed central power plant, there would be a large reduction in the cost for power to each of these enterprises. "In understanding," he concluded, "that there is in contemplation the establishment of an enterprise of this character on the island of Oahu within the near future, data and engineering information being gathered at the present hearing upon the subject."

About forty members of the association were present.

The presentation of a handsome gold watch was made last evening at Kahuku Plantation to Manager Andrew Adams by the Japanese employees of the big sugar estate, as a token of their esteem preparatory to his departure for the mainland on a vacation.

The presentation was made at the home of the manager, and it was a very pleasant occasion, for a large crowd of the field laborers and others gathered about the house. The spokesman presented the token on the lanel. Mr. Adams was a very much gratified man on receiving the watch, and he warmly thanked the employees for their kindness and said he would always remember the event.

The watch was engraved with the Hawaiian crest and the monogram of Mr. Adams on the outside covers, and on the inside was the following inscription:

"Presented to Andrew Adams, Esq., Manager of Kahuku Plantation, By His Japanese Employees, March 19, 1906."

Accompanying the gift was the following letter:

To Andrew Adams, Manager Kahuku Plantation.

We, the undersigned Japanese employees of this plantation, desire to take this opportunity upon the eve of your departure for a brief visit in the home-land, of presenting to you this slight token of our sincere regards for you as our employer, and as an expression of our cordial good wishes for a pleasant voyage and an enjoyable vacation. We shall greatly miss you but we are pleased to learn that it is only for a few months, and when you return it will be a great pleasure to welcome you back again.

Aloha nui oe!  
(Signed by all the Japanese employees of Kahuku Plantation.)

## LAKE WILL BE PUT UNDER FIRE

**Supervisors to Investigate Action of the Detective.**

Detective Lake of the County Attorney's Department is to be investigated. This was decided by the Board of Supervisors at last night's meeting.

Lucas brought the thing about by stating that J. Lewis and G. McCorriston had been grossly insulted and assaulted by Lake, on Saturday evening, at the same time hinting that the detective was drunk.

After reading what was said to be an inspired article on the incident in an afternoon paper, the board decided to investigate by committee.

Lewis and McCorriston were both present at the meeting, as well as witnesses for both sides, but nothing was done in the matter pending the decision of the board to look into the matter.

The whole thing is regarded by many as an attempt on the part of the Police Department to discredit the County Attorney's Department. It has been known for a long time that the active crusade against criminals by the County Attorney's Department has been unfavorably regarded by the Police Department.

So successful has the County Attorney's Department been in bringing wrong-doers to book, that people with a grievance who wish to enlist the aid of the law have of late been telling their troubles to County Attorney Douthitt, instead of Sheriff Brown.

Such was the case in the affair which led to Lake's pillage. A Japanese was victimized by a bogus check passer and went to County Attorney Douthitt. Douthitt detailed Lake, seeking redress, and it was in this connection that Lewis and McCorriston were arrested by Lake, the appearance of one of the young men being identical with the description furnished by Wada, the Japanese.

Here was a splendid chance for the Police Department to even off a lot of old scores against the County Attorney's Department and to show that the Police Department was not the only department employing "incapable and incompetent" men.

The rest of the meeting was stale, flat and mostly unprofitable.

Present were: Chairman Adams, Supervisors Moore, Lucas, Paie, Archer, Clerks Buffandeau and Kalaauokalani, Stenographer Aea, Judge Weaver, J. Lewis, George McCorriston, County Attorney Douthitt, Detective Lake, James Nott, L. M. Whitehouse, Harry Murray, Capt. Sam Johnson, Consul Spitzer, County Engineer Gere.

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

The following appropriations were made:  
Robinson park, system, \$500.  
Koolauoko road district, \$675.75.  
Koolauloa Road District No. 1, \$488.25.  
County Engineer, \$6.60.  
Electric Light Department (payroll), \$204.05.  
Police and fire alarm system (payroll), \$23.50.  
Electric Light Department (material and supplies), \$1810.67.  
Aala Park bandstand, \$1184.  
Garbage Department (payroll), \$663.65.  
Road Department, \$3181.24.  
Road Department (special), \$1242.59.  
Koolauoko road district, \$48.87.  
Road Department, \$125.  
**POUNDMASTER POUNDS WIFE.**

Lucas called the attention of the board to the fact of the wife-beating propensities of the Makiki poundmaster and stated that a new man, Caratti, had been placed in the office, the original incumbent being in jail. There should be sober, reliable, humane men in charge of the public pounds, said Lucas, such men as would reflect credit on the board.

Someone said that Caratti already had a job in the Makiki cemetery, and suggested that some of the voters might take umbrage if the two plums fell to one man.

A spirited discussion on "Who pays the poundmasters?" ensued, the answer to the conundrum being "The County."

**WALKER'S LITTLE ERROR.**

Lucas reported that John Walker was the lowest bidder for the construction of the Kahauiki bridge. The bid however was not in proper form. He moved that the contract be awarded to the lowest legal bidder, which was the Burrell Construction Co.

According to an opinion furnished by

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## RUMORED WITTE WILL SOON LEAVE SERVICE OF THE CZAR



SERGIUS DE WITTE.

**It Is Said That Ill-Health Will Compel Premier to Lay Down the Burden of His Office.**

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 20.—It is rumored that Premier Witte will soon resign on account of ill-health. He has recommended one of the members of the Privy Council for the succession.

**INTERFERING WITH ELECTIONS.**

It is claimed that the government is interfering in the freedom of the elections.

There can be small question that Witte has found his burden a most onerous one. Added to the difficulty of bringing about a complete revolution in the Russian system of government without fighting, which was the task the statesman set for himself, there have been the constant plots of the reactionaries, even in the Cabinet itself, to combat. It will be remembered that the cable stated, a few days ago, that two of these, Secretary of the Interior Durnova and General Trepoff, had even gone the length of plotting a counter-revolution, to prove that the Russians were unfit for self-government, and so to discredit Witte, by whose advice the Czar has conceded as much as he has.

It is little wonder that Witte wants to quit. The load that he has to carry is almost beyond human capacity. But it is not probable that he will permit himself to be forced out of office before the Russian elections, now proceeding, shall have been concluded and the complexion of the new parliament shall be known. It would be one measure of triumph for the minister to have his policy sustained by the country.

## CRYING ALOUD FOR COUNTY LEADER

**Where Is the Man Who Can Head Oahu Committee?**

The members of the Little Lane Sunday school class are worrying themselves a whole lot now about what the Civic Federation is going to do in politics. It is like the small yellow pup that snaps at the heels of the mastiff. The mastiff really isn't doing a thing. In fact, it is doubtful whether it has awakened from its nap after the last time it bit a hole in the troublesome pup. But the little one is worried, just the same—and worrying—and so is ascribing all kinds of designs to the mastiff, and yapping away about it at a great rate.

One day the Civic Federation is going to run Clarence Crabbe for Sheriff, and the next day it is going to run Charlie Achi, and the next day it is casting the lure if its eyes at Dickon Trent. There isn't a doubt that the pup would like to sidetrack Trent in the interest of one of the scholars, but Trent is not going to be switched off so easily as all that comes to. And the Lane Sunday schoolster who wants the job of County Treasurer is due to know that he has been in a fight before he gets away with it. Trent had more than the Civic Federation behind him in the last campaign and more than the combined forces of the Democracy and the Home Rulers, too. He had the business community—and he has it yet, it is even betting. Anyway, he is not going to be put on a spur in anybody's interest. Fancy the good Mr. Trent going up against the big che-fa games, will you? Nobody but a Lane Sunday school scholar would ever have advanced so absurd a notion as that.

**WORRIED ABOUT SHERIFF.**

The little Lane chaps, indeed, seem worried most about that Shrievally nomination, and what the Civic Federation is going to do about it especially. There would really seem to be something in the story that Brother Charlie Clarke had been displaced as class leader by the Sheriff of Oahu. And, speaking of Brother Charlie Clarke, he has been mentioned for the

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## THE LEADER OF RUSSIAN MUTINEERS IS EXECUTED

ST. PETERSBURG, March 20.—Lieutenant Schmidt, the officer of the Black Sea fleet who joined the mutineers in November last, has been shot, as have three mutinous sailors of the fleet.

When the mutiny broke out in the Russian Black Sea fleet in the latter part of November last, the officers were offered the option of joining the rebels or being shot. Lieutenant Schmidt was a Socialist, and he joined the mutineers. After the commander of the Kniaz Potemkin was killed, Schmidt took command of the vessel and was in her when she made the celebrated demonstration before Odessa. The Kniaz Potemkin sailed away ingloriously to be turned over to the government of Roumania, which gave her back to Russia, and most of the mutineers were released. Schmidt and several of his fellows, however, were held for trial.

## COAL MINE OPERATORS AND MINERS TO MEET

INDIANAPOLIS, March 20.—The joint conference of the coal mining operators and miners of four states meets tomorrow.

This is the ultimate effort to avert a strike of the coal miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The last offer to the men was made in February, when the coal operators of the bituminous fields presented a proposition to the miners restoring the scale of 1903-1904. This would give an increase of 5.55 per cent. The operators also requested a modification of the demands for an advance of 12½ per cent, and asked that the new contract be for two or three years. If the United Mine Workers had accepted the compromise proposition over 150,000 coal diggers in the four competitive states, including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, and about 100,000 union men in the southwestern states, would have received an advance in wages.

## GARDENER AMATEUR CHAMPION.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Edward Gardener was the winner of the amateur billiard championship of America.

## CONSULAR BILL PASSES THE HOUSE.

(Associated Press Cablegrams—Afternoon Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—The House today passed the Senate bill for reorganizing the Consular Service. This bill is drawn with the purpose of improving the standards of the American Consular Corps.

This is the bill which raises the pay of consuls, provides for the appointment of supervising officers for the consular corps to inspect consulates at the order of the President, requires a higher degree of efficiency in consuls and provides that promotions shall be made on the merit system.